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Whitehall, January 3.

THis day the Right Honourable *James* Earl of *Salisbury*, was Sworn one of the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Deale, Jan. 4. Yesterday sailed out of the *Downes* a Squadron of His Majesties Ships, and this morning six Frigats more. They are gone over for *Flanders*, to transport hither His Majesties Troops that are there, in order to their Disbanding.

Portsmouth, Jan. 5. Yesterday came to *Spithead* from the Westward, the *Oxford*, *Dover*, and *Lark* Frigats, and this morning set sail for the *Downes*, the Wind at S. W.

Vienna, Dec. 25. The 23 instant arrived here an Extraordinary Courier, with Letters from the Elector of *Bavaria* to the Emperor, relating, as is said, to the Negotiation of the Peace now on foot at *Nimeguen*. It is said at Court, that the Electoral Prince of *Bavaria* will be here very suddenly, and that orders are already given for the preparing an Apartment for him to lodge in. Here is arrived lately an Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, his Errand is, as we are informed, to complain of the separate Transactions that have been managed by the Imperial Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, in order to a Peace with *France*, in prejudice of the Treaties between his Imperial Majesty and the Elector, to pray that no steps may be made in this great work, but with the communication of his Electoral Highness, and the other Allies; and that no Peace be concluded, but such a one, as they are included in; and lastly, to assure the Emperor that if he will continue the War, he will join this next Campagne 15000 men with the Imperial Army; and that he will enter into any Alliance the Emperor shall think fit, for the supporting the common Interests of the Empire, and those of the House of *Austria* in particular. The Baron *Salay*, who has been here on the part of the Malecontents of *Hungary*, parted hence yesterday, with a Project of Articles that have been proposed here, to which he is to bring the answer of his Principals before the end of *February*; and in the mean time we understand that the Troops in *Hungary*, as well of the one side as the other, are in their Winter quarters.

Dantzick, Dec. 21. The Letters we receive from *Grodna* in *Lithuania* inform us, that the Dyet was begun there; that they had chosen their Marshal or Speaker; and that it was hoped it would prove happy to the Kingdom; but that by reason of the inconveniency of Lodging, it would in all likelihood be but a short Session. From *Prussia* we hear, that the Suedes Army continues encamped on this side *Tilse*, without any appearance of action, which is very much wondred at, seeing the Brandenburgs have thereby time to reinforce themselves, and in effect the Electoral Troops encrease every day, and will be very suddenly in a considerable Body. Some will say that the Suedes expected, so soon as they set foot into *Prussia*, that the Troops raised by the French Ambassador in these parts would have joined them, and that failing of that accor, their measures have been broken. Count *Carelson*, who came hither from *Stockholme*, will part hence in a day or two, to join the Army; which however he will have difficulty to do, for that the *Brandenburg* Troops lie in his way.

Berlin, Jan. 4. Our Elector parts hence on Monday next for *Prussia*, from whence we have fresh Letters, which say, that the Suedes were going to remove from their Camp near *Tilse*, but that it was not known whether they would advance towards *Coningsberg*, or take some other way.

Hamburg, Jan. 6. The Troops of the Elector of *Saxony* and the Duke of *Hanouer*, upon some apprehensions they had of being disturbed in their Winter-quarters, which they have in the Country of *Manfelt*, drew together, to secure them but are since upon farther information returned into their said quarters, the *Brandenburg* Regiments that were designed to have shared those quarters with them, being appointed towards *Prussia*, where the Seat of the War is now like to be. People here seem much to wonder that the Suedes make no farther progress in that Country, having lain still ever since they passed the River at *Tilse*, whereas they might have advanced directly to *Coningsberg*, or any other place, without meeting with any great opposition, which they must in a short time expect they will do, since the Elector of *Brandenburg* has sent so considerable a force thither from *Pomeren*, and that he purposes to follow in person. The several Princes of the House of *Saxony* are at present assembled at *Eysleben*, and at *Niehaus* near *Paderborne*, is another Assembly of the Deputies of the King of *Denmark*, the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and the Dukes of *Brunswicke*. We are expecting to know what Resolutions will be taken by them.

Cologne, Jan. 6. It beginning to freeze pretty hard, we may expect the Rivers will be quickly closed, and rendred passable, which is not to be doubted but the French are expecting, in order to their falling into the Country of *Bergs*; the poor people on that side the River are very sensible of the danger that is threatned, and though they are endeavouring to provide against it, by drawing their Bores together in Bodies, and posting them for the guarding of the most important Passes: yet it is to be feared they will not be able to make head against the Force the French have in these parts. For what concerns this City, our fears encrease daily, and there are those, who have even the worse opinion of things, because of the Compliment the Sieur *Calvo* sent to make this City 2 or 3 days since, and to assure us that we might rest undisturbed, and without any jealousie of the motions of his Troops.

Brussels, Jan. 10. On Thursday next *Charleroy*

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